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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: May 26, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 26, 1996. Hot, dry weather brought most planting operations to an end during the week so the main farming activities were caring for livestock, baling hay, and applying nitrogen. Sweet potato plantings in Calhoun County are behind the state average. Corn plants are showing stress from lack of water throughout the state. A good general rain is urgently needed. Soil moisture is 38 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 13 percent adequate.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	100	100	100	90	4	16	33	41	6
	Emerged	100	99	98	86					
	Silked	1	---	1	1					
Cotton	Planted	99	98	97	83	0	3	25	51	21
	Emerged	97	91	85	72					
	Squaring	3	---	1	2					
Rice	Planted	100	98	100	80	0	5	21	67	7
	Emerged	99	84	95	71					
Sorghum	Planted	94	89	91	73	0	10	31	50	9
	Emerged	83	74	85	66					
Soybeans	Planted	84	76	62	38	1	10	32	43	14
	Emerged	70	56	50	29					
Wheat	Mature	50	37	50	49	---	6	15	54	25
	Harvested	1	0	6	5					
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	80	63	61	---	6	23	46	21	4
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	10	5	4	---					
Peaches	Harvested	0	---	1	7	87	9	3	1	---
Peanuts	Planted	96	91	97	70	---	1	8	41	50
Sweet potatoes	Planted	14	14	19	28					
Watermelons	Planted	92	92	92	88	2	13	50	35	---
Blueberries						29	52	8	9	2
Cattle						3	18	35	37	7
Pasture						12	26	40	21	1

County Agent Comments

"We have had to start irrigating corn. We are starting to pick up yellow-striped army worms in cotton. Some terminal damage is being observed."

— Charlie Estess, Coahoma County

"Crops are not growing due to hot, dry weather. Sweet potato planting is three weeks behind schedule. Herbicides are not holding weeds back, winter cool season hay was poor in quality and quantity."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"The entire county is in dire need for a good general rain. Most soybean planting has stopped because producers are planting in the dust. Cotton producers are busy this week putting out nitrogen and cultivating. Hay cut this week looks much better than last week's cuttings."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

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Weather Summary From May 20, 1996 to May 26, 1996 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	94	68	79	74	+6	0.36	-0.82	3	2.59	96	74	83	0.36
Cleveland	97	70	82			0.12		1	1.79				
Tunica	95	65	79	73	+7	0.00	-1.48	0	2.61	95	75	84	
Extreme/Average	97	65	80	74	+7	0.16	-1.17	1	2.33	96	74	84	0.36
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	92	64	78	70	+8	0.00	-1.26	0	2.89	90	70	80	0.28
Memphis	93	68	80	74	+7	0.00	-1.29	0	4.45				
Oxford	94	62	79	71	+9	0.05	-1.08	1	1.23				
Extreme/Average	94	62	79	71	+8	0.02	-1.21	0	2.86	90	70	80	0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	91	64	78	71	+7	0.00	-1.24	0	1.27				
Corinth	95	64	80	72	+8	0.00	-1.32	0	2.14				
Iuka	92	58	74			0.00		0	1.73				
Pontotoc	93	63	79	72	+8	0.00	-0.99	0	1.86	97	75	86	0.29
Tupelo	94	62	79	72	+8	0.00	-1.28	0	1.31				
Verona	96	62	80			0.00		0	0.77	91	73	82	0.33
Extreme/Average	96	56	79	72	+7	0.00	-1.21	0	1.51	97	73	84	0.31
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	97	68	82	74	+7	0.00	-1.29	0	1.79	97	83	90	
Greenwood	97	69	83	74	+9	0.00	-1.03	0	1.42				
Rolling Fork	96	67	82			0.00	-0.91	0	1.96	108	86	97	0.31
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	95	71	82	75	+7	0.00	-1.10	0	1.96				
Extreme/Average	97	67	82	74	+8	0.00	-1.08	0	1.78	108	83	94	0.31
5. Central													
Carthage	95	63	79	73	+6	0.00	-1.08	0	0.62				
Jackson	95	64	80	74	+6	0.00	-1.05	0	0.76				
Winona	90	59	75	70	+4	0.00	-0.93	0	0.54				
Extreme/Average	96	59	78	73	+6	0.00	-1.02	0	0.84				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	99	71	85			0.00	-0.88	0	0.18	97	76	86	
Columbus	97	64	81			0.00		0	0.28				
State University	95	64	80	74	+6	0.00	-0.75	0	0.35	106	77	92	
Extreme/Average	99	64	82	74	+8	0.00	-0.82	0	0.27	106	76	89	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	94	65	80			0.00		0	1.03	95	77	86	
Natchez	98	67	82	75	+7	0.00	-1.05	0	2.90				
Oakley	94	65	80			0.00	-1.00	0	1.24	98	75	86	
Vicksburg	91	69	80			0.00		0	2.25				
Extreme/Average	98	65	80	75	+5	0.00	-1.03	0	1.88	98	75	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	94	63	79	75	+4	0.00	-1.41	0	0.66				
McComb	95	60	79	74	+5	0.00	-0.96	0	0.14				
Extreme/Average	95	60	79	75	+5	0.00	-1.19	0	0.40				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	98	62	80			0.00		0	0.71	103	77	90	
Hattiesburg	96	65	80	74	+5	0.00	-1.24	0	0.62				
Laurel													
Meridian	95	63	80	73	+6	0.00	-0.93	0	0.86				
Newton	96	63	80	73	+7	0.00	-0.84	0	0.25	99	73	87	0.27
Extreme/Average	98	62	80	74	+6	0.00	-1.00	0	0.61	103	73	88	0.27
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	63	80			0.00		0	1.35				
Biloxi	97	72	83			0.00		0	2.30				
Gulfport	94	69	81	77	+4	0.00	-1.39	0	3.30				
Pascagoula	93	63	77	77	+0	0.00	-1.16	0	0.58				
Poplarville	95	66	81	76	+5	0.00	-1.19	0	0.79	102	78	90	0.30
Extreme/Average	97	63	80	76	+4	0.00	-1.25	0	1.66	102	78	90	0.30
State	99	66	80	74	+6	0.02	-1.10	0	1.89	108	70	87	0.31

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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